



COUNTY OF PLACER
**SQUAW VALLEY MUNICIPAL ADVISORY
COUNCIL**

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
SQUAW VALLEY MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
February 1, 2018**

Pursuant to notice given, a meeting of the Squaw Valley Municipal Advisory Council (SVMAC) was held on Thursday February 1, 2018 in the Squaw Valley Public Service District Community Meeting Room in Olympic Valley, California.

1. Call to Order

STEPNER called the meeting to order at 6:07 PM. A quorum was not established.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Stepner, Bazjanac, and Georgiu.

Calhoun arrived at 6:16 and a quorum established.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Lange and Adriani

STAFF PRESENT: Romack and Friedman

2. MAC Member Introductions

3. Approval of Agenda

It was agreed that items may be taken out of order. GEORGIU/BAZJANAC/UNANIMOUS

4. Approval of Minutes of December 7, 2017

BAZJANAC/GEORGIU/UNANIMOUS

5. Reports

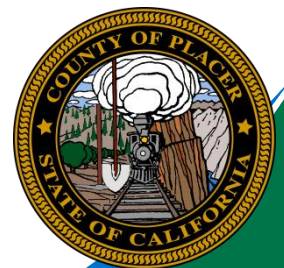
A. Supervisor/Tahoe Field Representative Reports

ROMACK announced SVMAC member REAMS has resigned his position. Applications to fill the vacancy will be available on the County website. The Capital Advisory (CAP) committee is being seated to consider Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) allocations that implement priorities identified in the Tourism Master Plan. The County and North Lake Tahoe Resort Association (NLTRA) are accepting applications, which are due by February 21.

At the January 23 Board of Supervisor's meeting, staff was directed to discontinue negotiations with Liberty Utilities for the proposed biomass project at Cabin Creek. The project has been approved and other partners will be identified. Other actions at the January 23 meeting included authorization to pursue the Tahoe Transportation Authority so a sales tax measure can be considered to fund transit and trails. CINDY GUSTAFSON, CEO of NLTRA described the findings and steps necessary to get consideration of the tax on the ballot.

B. Community Reports

The MAC is composed of appointed community members whose purpose is to advise the Board of Supervisors about activities and problems of the area represented. Residents are encouraged to attend and talk about issues important to them. More info at www.placer.ca.gov/bos/macs. Placer County is committed to ensuring that persons with disabilities are provided the resources to participate fully in public meeting. If you require disability-related modifications or accommodations, including auxiliary aid or services, to attend or participate in this meeting, please contact the Board of Supervisor's Office.



GUSTAFSON introduced herself as the new CEO at NLTRA. She is working with County to develop the CAP and restructuring the NLTRA Board, as approved by the membership.

6. Public Comment

STEPNER reported he attended this morning's Truckee North Tahoe Transportation Management Association (TNT TMA) meeting. At the meeting, PETER KRAATZ of Placer County DPW announced the bus-on-shoulder pilot programs on Highway 89 and Highway 267 will not be happening this winter, but the initiative is still alive. Caltrans and CHP are willing to continue working with the County to address logistics and identify areas of appropriate widths for a bus. Also, TNT TMA has reached agreement with the Tahoe Truckee Unified School District to use Truckee school lots for park-and-ride parking for service on Highway 89 between Squaw and Truckee.

STEPNER described how TOT is allocated on the east side of the county and the infrastructure projects the new CAP will be making recommendations on. TNT TMA will be recommending expenditures for TART and services such as the North Lake Tahoe Airport Express. NLTRA will administer marketing. Including rollover from 2017, there is approximately \$6 million to be allocated for infrastructure.

7. Information Items

- A. Sustainability Plan - Planning Services Division staff will provide an update on the County's efforts to prepare a Sustainability Plan. Placer County is in the process of developing a Sustainability Plan, which is intended to identify programs and policies that address climate change and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, while also identifying ways to maximize economic benefits related to energy savings, operational cost savings, and other benefits for the county and the community.**

Presenter: Emily Setzer, Planning Services, Placer County

SETZER presented this item, saying the Sustainability Plan will be a roadmap outlining policies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and address climate change. Narrating a Power Point presentation, she noted the four major components of the Plan, including identify greenhouse sources within the county and develop vulnerability and adaptation programs to address major needs. Among the driving factors of the Plan is the need to comply with state requirements and new CEQA requirements. Current evaluation indicates the largest amount of greenhouse gas is coming from vehicles. Second is residential energy use. As the Plan is developed, there will be many opportunities for public input. Ultimately, the Board of Supervisors will vote to adopt the Plan.

SETZER answered questions clarifying her presentation, including how and why the Plan is being developed and possible solutions, such as alternative sources of energy that will be recommended.

The topic was open to public comment. GUSTAFSON asked how I-80 factors into the Plan, given the emissions from that corridor that end up in the Tahoe area. SETZER will look into that.

There were no additional comments or questions.

- B. Squaw Park Foundation- This will be an overview on the Squaw Park Foundation (SPF), which has been formed by community members to support and enhance Squaw Valley Park. The SPF's vision is to work in collaboration**

with local entities to help implement the goals and recommendations of the local entities and the broader community, including soliciting financial support through various mechanisms to achieve these goals.

Presenter: Katrina Smolen, Squaw Park Foundation

SMOLEN said Squaw Park Foundation was formed to support, create, and enhance Squaw Valley Park. She discussed the vision and goals of SPF and said the group has adopted the values of the California Recreation Plan. Priorities include soliciting funds for a park master plan, a covered pavilion and field house for year-round use, a shade structure, installation of a sewer line, signage, and expanding the bike trail. SMOLEN expanded on the priority list, explaining the many potential uses of an Olympic Pavilion and the need to reconstruct the existing Tot Lot. SPF hopes to continue collaborating with SVPD and SVMAC.

SMOLEN answered questions, explaining the reach of SPF and how it supplements other efforts by Friends of Squaw Creek and KSL on recreational opportunities with the proposed creek restoration. It was noted Squaw Valley Park actually consists of 35 acres, much more than what is currently being used. Discussion continued regarding potential uses of enlarged facilities and the economic benefit to the area.

8. Action Item

A. Selection of Chair and Vice-Chair

**Motion to appoint DAVID STEPNER as Chair of SVMAC.
CALHOUN/BAZJANAC/UNANIMOUS**

**Motion to appoint SHELLY GEORGIU as Vice-Chair of SVMAC.
BAZJANAC/GEORGIU/UNANIMOUS**

9. MAC Member/Sub Committee Reports

A. Squaw Valley Design Review Committee – David Stepner

STEPNER reported SVDRC considered a gate that has already been installed at the self-parking area at the Resort at Squaw Creek. After discussion, SVDRC tabled the item and asked the applicant to come back with a more aesthetic design and signage.

B. Parks and Recreation – Alisa Adriani and Shelly Georgiu

Committee will provide a presentation on the Squaw Valley Park Survey results

GEORGIU presented the results of the Squaw Valley Park survey. Of the 717 responses to date, 56% were from visitors to Olympic Valley, 40% were property owners, and 20% were voters registered in Olympic Valley. GEORGIU broke down the responses both by weighted average and by priority. The top five amenities were expensive options, including the Sports Pavilion, the Museum, and flush toilets. Less costly priorities included a bike park, dog park bocce ball, covered picnic and play areas, and more tennis courts. When asked about winter use, 78% of respondents said they would use the Park in the winter for sledding, access to trails, and field play. Write-in responses included an ice rink and groomed cross-country trails.

To fund improvements, 50% of property owners said they would approve an additional property tax assessment, but only 47% of voters would be open to that option.

Brief discussion followed regarding the survey results. GUSTAFSON noted that a covered pavilion is an option best considered outside of the Tahoe basin, because of TRPA coverage restrictions within the basin.

The topic was open to public comment. MIKE CARRABETTA asked if SVMAC would consider supporting requests for TOT allocations. The Council agreed individual letters of support could be submitted with applications, depending on the application. There was general agreement that SVMAC should have a better understanding of the Tourism Master Plan and priorities identified. GUSTAFSON noted that besides TOT, grants and other funding options may be available for projects.

10. Future Agenda Items

STEPNER asked Council members to let ROMACK know if they cannot make a meeting. ROMACK will send a date reminder out before the agenda is prepared.

- Tourism Master Plan – update on TOT applications and CAP members
- Twister
- Gondola (when ready for presentation)
- Tahoe Convoy

11. Adjournment at 7:40 PM to next regular meeting on March 1, 2018

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Friedman, Recording Secretary